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Re: Docket Numbers E-00000J-08-0314, G-00000C-08-0314, and ~~E-01345A-08-0172~~

Dear Commissioner Stump:

As Executive Director of Friends of Flagstaff's Future, I am writing to you in support of increased energy efficiency requirements as part of the APS rate case and as part of the Commission workshops on energy efficiency. Energy efficiency is the easiest way to decrease demand on energy reduce energy costs. We should maximize efficiency measures and require the utilities to offer programs to assist customers to increase their energy efficiency.

Our organization along with several local businesses, the City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, and several nonprofit and governmental organizations are collaborating to promote a community wide weatherization and energy efficiency project. We support any policies at the state level that would increase energy efficiency efforts in our region and throughout Arizona.

As part of the APS rate case and the Commission's workshops, we encourage you to require that APS invest in programs to provide rebates and technical assistance to electric utility customers who purchase energy efficient lighting, air conditioners, and other equipment, or invest in measures in their home, office or other buildings that result in reductions in energy use.

We also support measures to provide technical assistance and financial incentives for businesses and schools that increase their energy efficiency, as well as design assistance and incentives for builders who construct efficient homes and buildings. Any efficiency program should include grants for weatherizing low-income housing – rental and owner-occupied.

Thank you for considering my comments as you deliberate over increasing energy efficiency in Arizona.

Sincerely,

Cynthia White

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